



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **BASTIOLI, Angelo, et al.**

Serial No.: 09/784,707

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Examiner: **CHANG, Victor S.**

For: **SHEET AND PRODUCT BASED ON FOAMED SHAPED STARCH**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 6, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **November 6, 2002**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims, as follows:

1. (Amended) A foamed partly-finished product, [in particular in the form of a foam sheet material,] comprising destructured or complexed starch foamed as a continuous phase, having a density [lying between] of from 20 to [and] 150 kg/m³, cell size [dimensions in a range lying between] of from 25 to [and] 700 μm and [with] a cell distribution such that 80% of the cells [them] have, in the absence of stretching, a size ranging from [dimension lying between] 20 to [and] 400 μm, wherein the starch of the foamed product has an intrinsic viscosity in DMSO at 30°C of from 0.3 to 1.5 dl/g.